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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement of June 2, 2010 requiring election of one of the following groups of inventions for further prosecution on the merits:

- Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to process for producing a foam composite;
- Group II, claims 15 - 25, drawn to articles made from a foam composite;
- Group III, claims 26 and 28, drawn to a double-layered foaming pellet; and
- Group IV, claim 27 drawn to equipment for forming a double-layered foaming pellet.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-14, for further prosecution on the merits. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 14-1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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